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LETTERS FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES.

By GEORGE A. TAYLOR

[*Authority—Mass. Archives.*]

"Philadelphia 18 July 1755
Five oclock P. M

"Sir

We have in the absence of Governor Morris who is over Sasquehanna received the melancholly news of the Defeat of General Braddock it is contained in a small bit of Paper dispatch'd by Coll. Innes from Fort Cumberland at Wills Creek & was forwarded by Governor Sharpe It speaks for itself & needs no comment & you will no doubt communicate it to the Generals & Admirals & governors in the Continent with all possible Expedition.

Your honours—
most obedient
Humble Servant
Richard Peters,
Clk. of the Council

It is not an hour since the News arrivd & no other particulars are come to the knowledge of the Council Governor De Lancey"

[endorsed] "Rich^{d}. Peters Clerk of the Councils' Lett^{r}.

To
Governor Delancy
Dated 18 July 1755"

[*To the Inhabitants & Planters of Pensilvania in America—*]

"Charles R.

Whereas his Matie In consideracion of the Greate Merritt & faithfull Service of S^{r}. William Penn de-

ceast & for Divers other good causes him hereunto moveing hath been Gratiously Pleased by Letters Pattents beareing Date the 4th Day of March last to give & grant unto Wm. Penn Esqr. sonn & heire of the sd. Sr. Wm. Penn all that Tract of Land in America called by the name of Pensilvania as the same is bounded on the East by Delaware River from twelve miles Distante Northwards of New Castle Towne unto the three & fortieth Degree of Northerne Latitude if the sd. River Doth Extend Soe ffarr Northwards and if the Sd. River shall not Extend so ffarr Northward then by the Sd River Soe ffarr as it doth Extend. And from ye head of the Sd River the Easterne bounds to be Determined by a Meridian line to be Drawne from the head of the Sd River unto the Sd three & fortieth Degree. (the Sd Province to Extend Westward five Degrees in Longitude to be Computed from the Sd Easterne bounds. And to be bounded on the North by the begining of the three & fortieth Degree of Northerne Latitude: And on the South by a Circle Drawne att twelve miles Distance from New Castle, Northwards & Westwards unto the begining of the fortyeth Degree of Northerne Latitude. And then by a Streight line Westwards to ye. Limit of Longitude above menconed Together with all Powers Pr heminencyes [pre-eminencies] & Jurisdicons Necessary for the Goverm^t. of the Sd Province As by the Sd. Letters Pattents. Refference being thereunto had, doth none att Large appeare.

His Matie Doth therefore hereby Publish & Declare his Royll. Will & Pleasure. That All persons Settleing or Inhabiteing within the Lymitts of the Sd. Province Doe Yeeld all due Obedience to the Sd Wm. Penn his heires & Assignes as absolute Proprietaries & Governors thereof as alsoe to the Deputy or Deputys, Agents or Leiutennts. Lawfully Commissionated by him or them according to the Powers & Authorityes granted

by the Sd Letters Pattents, Wherewith his Matie Expects & requires a Ready Complyance from all persons whom it may Concerne as they tender his Maties Displeasure.

Given att the Court att Whitehall the 2^{d} Day of Aprill in the three & thirtyeth yeare of is Maties Reigne

By his Maties Commande
Conway

To the Inhabitants &
Planters of Pensilvania
in America"

Suffolk Co. Court Files (Mass) [Tabitha Lake's (later Tabitha Thomas) Letter]

"London August 26" [1689]

"Dear Brother

I received your letter dated from panselvanea and am sory to hear of your troubles and according to your order I have sent you in the Spring several goods by Cpt. Losson of one and Mr Suttliffe [?] of which I hope you will take care to make returns of for that sort of furs would now be a good commodity in England I hope you will do what you can for to make returne for I have sent most of what I have in you hand: I hope you will consider it Brother accordingly I went to my sister Lake and told her what you rit to me and I gave her all the good words I could and she said that she had no letter from you in a year and she said that she did not order you to be arested and her brother was not at home but she would speake with him and returne me her answer which he did in to [2] days after and then she told me she was satisfied that he was a very rich sufficient man and she desired no better then in his hands, so when I see I could not prevent I did tel her that you would give up what you had in your hands to the creditours and she said you might if you could I did not tel her that you were gon

from nue England I did not thinke it convenient for she did thinke that he whome she had intrusted to be the Governer and they were sure he wase not in prison for any Debt but upon the account of [torn] lure of England— I desire you to secure yourself for they will do you all the myschef they can pray be well advised in what you do I would not have you take so much care fore the children since she will not have it so but for your self so expecting to have returnes from you I rite to you at large by Cap. Losson so with mine and my sisters Love to you I am your Loving sister

Tabitha Lake."

[endorsed] "To Mr Lancelott Lake
Merchant
Att Boston In
p Capt Bant New England
Q. D. C.

[also] "Tabitha Lake to
Lancelot Lake p
Gilbart Bantt 24-9
1689"

[also] "Lake vers Somers
Janry. 1691
Appeale"